



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HOSHI, George et al.**

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For: **FLUID CONTROL DEVICE**

Group Art Unit: **3753**

Examiner: **FOX, John C.**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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GROUP ART UNIT 3753

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 14, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2006, extended to August 14, 2006 by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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